



18. The year 1789 (when the French Revolution started) has three and no more than three adjacent digits (7, 8 and 9) which are consecutive integers in increasing order. How many years between 1000 and 9999 have this property?
- A 130 B 142 C 151 D 169 E 180

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18. A There are 9 years of the form $123n$ as n may be any digit other than 4. Similarly, there are 9 years each of the forms $234n$, $345n$, $456n$, $567n$ and $678n$, but 10 years of the form $789n$ as, in this case, n may be *any* digit. There are also 9 years of the form $n012$ and 9 of the form $n123$, as in both cases n may be any digit other than 0. However, there are 8 years of the form $n234$ as in this case n cannot be 0 or 1. Similarly, there are 8 years each of the forms $n345$, $n456$, $n567$, $n678$ and $n789$.
- So the total numbers of years is $1 \times 10 + 8 \times 9 + 6 \times 8 = 130$.